

LITERACY TEST IS CONDEMNED

Republicans Prepare Address to be Sent to All Voters of State Urging Defeat of Amendment.

At a meeting at Oklahoma City of the Republican State Executive Committee, an address was prepared to be sent to all voters of the State

condemning the proposed literacy test amendment to the Constitution. Especially was the plan on this amendment condemned. The address says:

"The words 'For the Amendment' will appear on the ballot, and unless these words are scratched out with a lead pencil the voter automatically will vote for the amendment. This

corrupt practice to secure the passage of any law ought to be sufficient to defeat it, however meritorious, and if the voters of the State, regardless of political affiliations, are alive to their own interests and the interests of the State as a whole, the literacy test amendment will be defeated by an overwhelming majority. Another serious objection to the lit-

eracy test amendment is that every voter in the State will be required to register again in September."

The local Republican Campaign Committee is preparing for a strong fight against the proposition in this county, and with that end in view liberal space is being bought in the local newspapers to disseminate the desired information to the voters.

LAND FOR SALE CHEAP

One hundred acres of land, two and three quarters of a mile north of Durant city limits. Will sell cheap if taken at once. For particulars, write us or see L. S. Renegar, R.F. D. No. 2, Box 110, Durant, Oklahoma. w21tf

BANK DEPOSITS TO TWO MILLION

Statements of Bryan County's Sixteen Banking Houses Show a Healthy Condition and a Sound Condition of the Country.

According to the published statements of Bryan County's sixteen banking houses, as per the call of the Comptroller of the Currency at the close of business June 30th, there was on deposit in the various banks on that date the tremendous sum of \$2,095,459.54, regarded as unusually large for this season of the year and showing not only a healthy condition of the banks, but a prosperous condition of the country in general. The deposits were distributed among the various banks as follows:

Durant National Bank	\$744,731.35
First National Bank, of Durant	439,060.15
State National Bank, of Durant	155,566.62
First National Bank, of Calera	46,124.92
First National Bank, of Colbert	53,925.40
Farmers State Bank, of Mead	15,833.22
Farmers & Merchants National, of Achille	59,353.31
First National Bank, of Achille	60,033.84
First State Bank, of Durant	61,704.16
First National Bank, of Bennington	85,738.11
First State Bank, of Bokchito	54,347.42
Caddo National Bank, of Caddo	123,947.17
Security National Bank, of Caddo	94,645.37
Oklahoma State Bank, of Caddo	30,882.64
First Bank of Kemp, of Hendrix	37,565.92
Farmers State Bank, of Kenefick	32,000.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND ESTIMATE

STATEMENT OF FISCAL CONDITION OF THE CITY OF DURANT, COUNTY OF BRYAN, STATE OF OKLAHOMA, FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 1915, AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1916, AND ESTIMATED NEEDS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1ST, 1916, AND ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1917.

TO THE COUNTY EXCISE BOARD, COUNTY OF BRYAN, STATE OF OKLAHOMA.

Gentlemen:

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 7378, Chapter 72, Revised Laws of Oklahoma 1910, we submit, herewith, for your consideration the within statement of the fiscal condition of the City-Town of Durant, County of Bryan, State of Oklahoma, for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1915, and ending June 30th, 1916, together with an itemized statement of the estimated needs thereof for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1916, and ending June 30th, 1917.

The Said Statement and Estimate was duly published as required by law in a newspaper published in said City.

Dated at Durant, Oklahoma, this the 10th day of July, 1916.

JAMES YARBROUGH, Mayor,
President Board of Trustees.

B. M. HEAD, Clerk.

E. H. STEWART, Treasurer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

EXHIBIT "A"

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES MADE FROM APPROVED ESTIMATES DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1916, AND OF ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AMOUNTS ACTUALLY COLLECTED FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN AD VALOREM TAX FOR SUCH YEAR.

NAME OF ITEM COVERED BY ESTIMATE	ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1916		ESTIMATE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1916		ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND ACTUAL COLLECTIONS FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN AD VALOREM TAX FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30TH, 1916				Surplus—Excess Collections over Estimated Receipts		Deficit—Excess Estimate over Actual Amount Collected	
	Unexpended Balance of Estimate, June 30th, 1916	Warrants Issued	Unexpended Balance of Estimate, June 30th, 1916	Total Approved Estimate	Warrants Issued	Unexpended Balance of Estimate, June 30th, 1916	Amount of Estimated Receipts	Amount Actually Collected				
SALARIES:												
For Mayor				1,200.00								
For Eight Councilmen				400.00								
For Street Commissioners				720.00								
For Chief of Police				840.00								
For Four Policemen				2,480.00								
For City Health Officer				12.00								
For City—Town—Clerk				900.00								
For City—Town—Treasurer				300.00								
For Attorney				720.00								
Total of Fee and Salary				7,572.00		7,369.25	202.75	2,000.00	1,579.50		420.50	
SUPPLIES AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES												
Total				1,500.00		1,694.45		500.00	368.00		132.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT:												
For Salary of Chief of Fire Department				1,020.00								
For Salary of Five Firemen				3,660.00								
For Buildings and Repairs				100.00								
For Apparatus and Equipment				775.00								
For Maintenance and Supplies				600.00								
Total				6,355.00		5,909.31		645.69				
WATER DEPARTMENT:												
For Salary of Superintendent				900.00								
For Salary of Employees				5,900.00								
For Extensions and Renewals				1,000.00								
For Maintenance and Supplies				4,957.00								
For Office Supplies				78.00								
For Reconstruction				2,165.00								
Total		956.19		15,000.00		16,064.02		15,000.00	16,197.08	1,197.08		
STREET DEPARTMENT:												
Total	13.80	13.80		2,500.00		2,482.60		17.40	728.00	605.15		122.85
LIGHTING DEPARTMENT:												
For Salary of L. Supt. Employees				300.00								
For Maintenance and Renewals				1,350.00								
For Supplies and Equipment				350.00								
Total				2,000.00		1,750.20		240.80				
CEMETERIES:												
For Salary of Employees				600.00								
For Sundry Maintenance				115.00								
Total				715.00		810.68		290.00	428.50	138.50		
MISCELLANEOUS:												
For Incinerator				400.00		472.07		200.00	247.69	47.69		
Totals		969.99		36,042.00		36,361.58	1,100.64	18,718.00	19,425.92	1,383.27	675.35	
SINKING FUND:												
City Hall				100.00								
Waterworks				8,750.00								
Waterworks Extension				1,500.00								
Sewerage				2,000.00								
Sewerage Extension				7,920.00								
Park				960.00								
Funding Bonds: 1912 Issue				860.00								
Judgments:				7,586.00								
Waterworks Extension Bonds				3,630.00								
Schoolhouse Bonds				1,450.00								
Electric Light Bonds				2,200.00								
Electric Light Extension Bonds				800.00								
Amount left off Sinking Fund of Fiscal Year Beginning July 1, 1914				13,141.00								
Total				50,897.00		32,827.09	32,827.08	18,069.92	3,259.72	1,759.72		

EXHIBIT "B"—CASH ACCOUNT

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Funds and Items	General Fund	Sinking Fund	Bond Fund (Proceeds Sale)	Special Funds	TOTAL	Funds	General Fund	Sinking Fund	Bond Fund (Proceeds Sale)	Special Funds	TOTAL
Balance Cash on Hand	1,392.53	84,452.43	.25	2,754.37	88,599.58	GENERAL FUND					
GENERAL FUND						Warrants (Previous Years Series)	8,579.92				8,579.92
Current Taxes	7,511.46				7,511.46	Interest Paid	333.12				333.12
Back Taxes	8,363.43				8,363.43	Warrants (Current Years Series)	26,387.09				26,387.09
Water Revenue	16,197.08				16,197.08	Interest Paid	301.09				301.09
Police Court Fines	952.00				952.00	Pound	154.91				154.91
Poll Taxes	368.00				368.00	SINKING FUND					
Licenses	627.50				627.50	Coupons Paid		18,069.92			18,069.92
Sale of Mase.—Property	40.00			13,875.00	13,915.00	Paying Funds ??				13,255.54	13,255.54
Refunds	56.88				56.88						
Miscellaneous	2,185.46				1,822.03						
SINKING FUND											
Current Taxes		21,282.45			21,282.45	Total Disbursements	35,756.63	18,069.92		13,255.54	67,082.09
Back Taxes		11,481.59			11,481.59	Balance Cash on Hand	1,937.71	192,406.27	.25	16,843.42	121,187.65
Int. on Dep.—Bonds & City W.		3,259.72			3,259.72	Total Disb. and Balance	37,694.34	120,476.19	.25	30,098.96	188,269.74
Fireman's Pension Fund *1			200.32		200.32						
Paying—Trust Funds *1			13,269.27		13,269.27						
Total Balance and Receipt	37,694.34	120,476.19	.25	30,098.96	188,269.74						

EXHIBIT "C"—TAX ROLL ACCOUNT

City valuation as extended in rolls for the year beginning July 1, 1915 (based on certificate of County Clerk)\$3,157,375.00

NAME OF FUND	Rate of Levy	Total Tax Extended on Rolls Delivered to County Treasurer	Since Added to Rolls	Total	Remitted on Erroneous Assessments	Total Amounts Collected	Total	Balance	Deduct the 10 Per Cent That Net Balance Was Added in Process of to Col. No. 4 Collection— for Delinquent Tax	Available Asset
GENERAL FUND	6	18,946.00		18,946.00		7,511.46		11,434.54	1,722.00	9,712.54
SINKING FUND	17	54,336.00		54,336.00		21,282.45		33,053.55	4,939.00	28,114.55
TOTALS	23	73,282.00		73,282.00		28,793.91		44,488.09	6,661.00	36,827.09

EXHIBIT "D"—WARRANT ACCOUNT

Line No.	WARRANTS ISSUED	AMOUNT	Line No.	WARRANTS PAID	AMOUNT
1	Warrants Outstanding June 30, 1915	16,371.54	5	Warrants Paid (Previous years series)	8,579.92
2	Warrants since Issued—Old Estimate—Year ending June 30, 1916 (Col. 2, p. 3)	969.99	6	Warrants Paid (Current years series)	26,542.00
3	Warrants Issued—Current Estimate—Year ending June 30, 1916 Col. 5, p. 3	36,543.49	7	Balance Warrants Outstanding June 30, 1916	18,763.10
4	Total Warrants Issued	53,885.02	8	Total Warrants Paid and Outstanding	63,885.02

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ACHILLE BOY IS SERIOUSLY CUT

Walter Grinslade Sustained Three Knife Wounds in Fight and John Rochelle is Under Bond Charged With Assault to Kill.

As the result of a cutting scrape-pulled off on the streets of Achille Monday Walter Grinslade, aged 18 years, is in a serious condition with three knife wounds in his body, and Jim Rochelle, aged 18 years, is out under bond charged with assault to kill. The examining trial has been set for Saturday, July 29th, in justice court. Grinslade has one deep wound on the left side between the sixth and seventh ribs just below the heart, a severe gash on the left hand that split the hand open above the last joint of the little finger, and a deep half-moon shaped gash behind the left ear. It was thought at first that he would die, but later reports indicate that he is improving and has a fairly good chance to recover.

The story of the fight as told a reporter, is that the two boys had been havin' trouble and that they met on the streets Monday, when the Rochelle boy went home. Late he returned down town and was sitting in front of a store, when the Grinslade boy walked up and is said to have begun to abuse him and struck him a couple of blows over the head while he was sitting down, when the Rochelle boy jumped up with his knife in his hand and inflicted the wounds described. Grinslade bled profusely from his wounds and it looked like he would bleed to death. Both boys have the reputation of being peaceable fellows who attend to their own business, and neither of them have been in trouble before, it is said.

FRENCH REGIMENT OF U. S. ARMY PASSES HERE TO THE BORDER

A full regiment of Frenchmen, United States soldiers, passed thru here on a special train in three sections Thursday morning. They comprised the famous Lafayette Guard of New Hampshire, forming that State's first regiment. As the three trains pulled thru the men were conversing in their native French paragon, which few if any of those on the depot platform could understand. Most of the Frenchmen came from Manchester, and even the officers are French.

JEFFERSON HIGHWAY CHANGED

Association Votes to Drop Arkansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota From the States Crossed

Before adjourning after a two days session at St. Joseph, Mo., the directors of the Jefferson Highway Association voted to drop the States of Arkansas, Nebraska, North Dakota, and South Dakota from membership in the Association. As now located, the highway does not traverse any of those States. The next meeting of the Association will be in Muskogee, Okla., in October.